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**Letter dated 19 March 2018 from the Permanent Representative of
Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement by the President of Ukraine, H.E. Mr. Petro Poroshenko, on the holding of the so-called elections in the temporarily occupied Crimea, Ukraine, by the occupying administration, dated 19 March 2018 (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34 (a), and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Volodymyr Yelchenko
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex to the letter dated 19 March 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement by the President of Ukraine, H.E. Mr. Petro Poroshenko, on the holding of the so-called elections in the temporarily occupied Crimea, Ukraine, by the occupying administration

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Holding of the so-called presidential elections in the temporarily occupied Crimea by the Russian occupying administration is another brutal violation of international law by Russia. This is not surprising for a country that systematically and consciously opposes itself to the outside world.

The so-called elections in Crimea are yet another evidence of the Kremlin's neglect of the fundamental documents and principles on which international peace and security have been based over the past 70 years, in particular the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act.

The results of illegal voting are null and void and will not have any legal consequences. Legitimate presidential elections in Crimea may only be the elections of the President of Ukraine.

Another attempt by the Kremlin to legitimize aggression and annexation is completely doomed to failure.

And I am grateful to our international partners for the clear and uncompromising position voiced on the eve of the unlawful elections that their results will not be recognized and that Crimea is an integral part of Ukraine.

I also praise the decision of the OSCE and our other international partners not to take part in the monitoring of illegal elections in the occupied Crimea. And I expect that the final report of the international mission will clearly indicate the illegality of the Russian elections in the territory of the Ukrainian Crimea.

I am grateful to the Crimeans who did not participate in this farce, despite serious pressure they were subjected to. They were threatened, forced, called to the so-called polling stations with gifts. But their silent protest eloquently testified — Crimea is Ukraine!

Neither the fixed "voting turnout" nor the made up "result" correspond to the real activity of the inhabitants of the peninsula. Published official "data" is nothing more than falsification. And speaking with the famous Russian idiom, this is a worthless piece of paper. Kremlin will now use it in the hybrid information warfare that it conducts not only against Ukraine but also against the whole world.

The Ukrainian Crimea in the chains of Russian occupation has turned into a peninsula of non-freedom and a military base.

We will intensify our efforts, including in the framework of international organizations and judicial authorities, in order to put an end to the gross violation of the human rights by the occupying authorities in Crimea. Ukraine will continue to fight for the release of all Ukrainian political prisoners who are behind bars on the peninsula and in Russia.

We have to make a list of those who planned, promoted, organized, campaigned or participated in the prudent electoral process in Crimea and present it to strengthen sanctions against the occupying Russian authorities.

The legitimacy of the presidential elections in Russia and the allegedly elected candidate is questioned not only by the unlawful conduct of voting in the temporarily occupied Crimea. It was, in general, a political farce that has nothing to do with elections in the democratic sense of this process. It was a choice without choice, without real political competition, without freedom of speech, without equal opportunities.

And we call on international partners to increase the sanctions pressure on the Kremlin. And not only for the aggression against Ukraine, but also for the hybrid war against the whole European and Euro-Atlantic community, for political assassinations abroad and for suppressing of democracy in Russia itself.

By joint efforts, our unity and international solidarity, we will ensure the de-occupation of Crimea, the restoration of sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine and respect for international law!



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**Identical letters dated 19 March 2018 from the Chargé d'affaires
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General and the President
of the Security Council**

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on the holding of the presidential elections of the Russian Federation in Georgia's occupied territories, dated 18 March 2018 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 35, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Elene Agladze
Chargé d'affaires
Deputy Permanent Representative

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**Annex to the identical letters dated 19 March 2018 from the
Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Georgia to the
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the
President of the Security Council**

**Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia
on holding the Presidential Elections of the Russian Federation
in Georgia's occupied territories**

18.03.2018 — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia condemns holding the Presidential Elections of the Russian Federation in the occupied territories of Georgia on 18 March 2018, where 33 polling stations were illegally opened. This is a clear demonstration of the ongoing occupation of Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions and represents yet another step towards their factual annexation by the Russian Federation.

The Russian Federation holds its parliamentary and presidential elections in Georgia's occupied territories in the circumstances, when the population remained in Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions have been subject of illegal and forceful mass passportization implemented by Moscow since 2000s, and hundreds of thousands of IDPs and refugees expelled from those regions as a result of ethnic cleansing are still deprived of the right to return to their homes.

With such actions the Russian Federation fully disregards the UN Charter and the Helsinki Final Act, and blatantly violates the fundamental norms and principles of international law, such as sovereignty and territorial integrity, inviolability of internationally recognized borders and non-interference in the internal affairs of another state.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia appeals to the international community to give a due assessment to the illegal actions of the Russian Federation in the occupied regions of Georgia that undermine the international law and rules-based international order.
